

# 2017 Current Fiscal Year Report: Technical Review Panel on the Medicare Trustees Reports

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

## 2. Fiscal Year

2017

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Technical Review Panel on the Medicare Trustees Reports

## 3b. GSA Committee No.

21480

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

03/04/2016

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

03/04/2018

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?

Yes

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

Agency Memo from HHS/OAS for Plan & Eval 9/28/2017

## 8c. Actual Term Date

09/29/2017

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear

Terminate

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

## 11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 217a

## 13. Effective Date

01/05/1999

## 14. Committee Type

Ad hoc

## 14c. Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee Special Emphasis Panel

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

1

## 16b. Report

Date

## Report Title

09/29/2017

Review of Assumptions and Methods of the Medicare Trustees' Financial Projections

## Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

## 17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 0 Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

## Current FY Next FY

## 18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

## 18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

## 18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$10,000.00 \$0.00

<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$7,000.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$17,000.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.10	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

By sharing opinions in a public forum, in addition to hearing from other experts on the various methodologies that exist for projecting Medicare expenditures, the panel will produced a written report recommending methodologies to the Medicare Trustees for making such projections.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

There are a variety of experts representing the points of view of actuaries and economists. The membership was balanced between private sector interests and academic interests. Additionally, the panel had both male and female members.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The meetings occurred monthly .

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The Medicare Trustees project Medicare costs and revenue over a 75 year period. The methodology and assumptions continue to evolve in response to the changing health care system. Health experts, including health economists and actuaries,, provide independent, expert input and review of methods and assumptions and provide the Secretary, as a Trustee, with recommendations for improvement.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

Meetings were open.

**21. Remarks**

Federal employee costs during this period attributed to providing technical assistance to the panel in completing its deliberations. The Committee's final report was issued in June 2017.

## Designated Federal Officer

Donald T Oellerich Deputy Chief Economist

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bundorf, M. Kate	08/30/2016	09/29/2017	Department of Health Research and Policy Stanford University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Buntin, Melinda	08/30/2016	09/29/2017	Professor and Chair, Department of Health Policy Vanderbilt University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Frakt, Austin	08/30/2016	09/29/2017	Health Economist Veterans Affairs	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Meara, Ellen	08/30/2016	09/29/2017	The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pauly, Mark	08/30/2016	09/29/2017	Wharton Health Care Management Department	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sandler, Geoffrey	08/30/2016	09/29/2017	Actuary Aetna, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Thompson, Michael	08/30/2016	09/29/2017	President & CEO National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Vigen, Greger	08/30/2016	09/29/2017	Independent Actuary	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Yamamoto, Dale	08/30/2016	09/29/2017	Actuary Red Quill Consulting	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 9**

## Narrative Description

Helped Medicare Trustees make more accurate forecasts of future health costs, so that resources can be allocated in Medicare and within the federal budget optimally.

## What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Outcome Comments

NA

## What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Cost Savings Comments**

The nature of the committee is to help Medicare Trustees make forecasts about future health spending, not to look for savings.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

25

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

The recommendations in this year's report were captured in previous fiscal years.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

88%

### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

NA

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

4%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Historically recommendations of presentation have only been partially accepted - this is primarily due to the desire of the Trustees to present materials in their reports to Congress in a similar format.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

### Agency Feedback Comments

NA

### What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Action Comments

Trustees are planning to review and incorporate the recommendations of the committee, as appropriate, to improve the projection assumptions and methodology as well as the presentation of material in the Trustees' annual report to Congress.

### Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

### Grant Review Comments

NA

### How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Access Comments

N/A